

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5893–S6043.

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1863–1872, and S. Res. 230–232. **Page S5928**

Measures Reported:

S. 310, to prohibit the use of Federal funds for the costs of painting portraits of officers and employees of the Federal Government. (S. Rept. No. 114–93)

S. 1172, to improve the process of presidential transition, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–94)

S. 1576, to amend title 5, United States Code, to prevent fraud by representative payees, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 114–95) **Page S5928**

Measures Passed:

Condemning the Attack in Lafayette, Louisiana: Senate agreed to S. Res. 231, honoring the memory and legacy of the two Louisiana citizens who lost their lives, recognizing the heroism of first responders and those on the scene, and condemning the attack of July 23, 2015, in Lafayette, Louisiana. **Pages S5906–07**

NOTICE Act: Committee on Finance was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 876, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require hospitals to provide certain notifications to individuals classified by such hospitals under observation status rather than admitted as inpatients of such hospitals, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S5920–21**

Measures Considered:

Hire More Heroes Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 22, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, after taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S5893, S5907–19, S5921–22**

Adopted:

By 64 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 256), McConnell (for Kirk) Amendment No. 2327 (to Amendment No. 2266), to reauthorize and reform the Export-Import Bank of the United States. **Pages S5921–22**

Rejected:

McConnell Amendment No. 2329 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266), of a perfecting nature. (Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S5921**

Pending:

McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5893**

McConnell Amendment No. 2421 (to Amendment No. 2266), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5922**

McConnell (for Inhofe) Amendment No. 2533 (to Amendment No. 2421), relating to Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs. **Page S5922**

McConnell Amendment No. 2417 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266), to change the enactment date. **Page S5922**

McConnell Amendment No. 2418 (to Amendment No. 2417), of a perfecting nature. **Page S5922**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 79 yeas to 14 nays (Vote No. 255), Senate agreed to the motion to instruct the Sergeant at Arms to request the attendance of absent Senators. **Page S5921**

McConnell Amendment No. 2330 (to Amendment No. 2329), to change the enactment date, fell when McConnell Amendment No. 2329 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2266) (listed above), was tabled. **Page S5921**

Chair sustained a point of order that McConnell Amendment No. 2328 (to Amendment No. 2327), to repeal the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 entirely, was not germane, and the amendment thus fell. **Page S5921**

By 62 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 257), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266 (listed above). **Page S5922**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 11 a.m., on Tuesday, July 28, 2015; that all time during the adjournment of the Senate count post-cloture on McConnell Modified Amendment No. 2266. **Page S6042**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

- 61 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 7 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy. **Pages S6042–43**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Victoria Marie Baecher Wassmer, of Illinois, to be Under Secretary of Energy.

Richard Capel Howorth, of Mississippi, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2020.

Harry K. Thomas, Jr., of New York, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe.

- 1 Coast Guard nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House: **Pages S5927–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S5928–31**

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions: **Pages S5931–33**

Additional Statements: **Pages S5923–27**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S5933–42**

Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today. (Total—6) **Page S5921**

Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—257) **Pages S5921, S5922**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 11:13 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2015. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6042.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

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Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 3214–3229; 1 private bill, H.R. 3230; and 4 resolutions, H. Res. 381–384, were introduced. **Pages H5522–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5524–25**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1634, to strengthen accountability for deployment of border security technology at the Department of Homeland Security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–226);

H.R. 2750, to reform programs of the Transportation Security Administration, streamline transportation security regulations, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–227);

H.R. 348, to provide for improved coordination of agency actions in the preparation and adoption of environmental documents for permitting determinations, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–228, Part 1);

Supplemental report on H.R. 1994, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for the removal

or demotion of employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs based on performance or misconduct, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–225, Part 2);

H.R. 1138, to establish certain wilderness areas in central Idaho and to authorize various land conveyances involving National Forest System land and Bureau of Land Management land in central Idaho, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–229); and

H. Res. 380, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 427) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide that major rules of the executive branch shall have no force or effect unless a joint resolution of approval is enacted into law; providing for proceedings during the period from July 30, 2015, through September 7, 2015, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–230). **Page H5522**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Curbelo (FL) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H5471**

Recess: The House recessed at 12:18 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H5473**

Recess: The House recessed at 2:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3 p.m. **Page H5475**